

REGULAR MEETING of the Burrillville Town Council held Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, Town Building, 105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville for and within the Town of Burrillville.

PRESENT: Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

1. Council President Nancy F. Binns led those present in pledging allegiance to the flag.

2. VOTED to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held February 12, 2014 and dispense with the reading of said minutes.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor David J. Place. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

3. Public Comment: None

4. General Good and Welfare of the Town of Burrillville

Councilor Edward J. Blanchard commented on "Tyler's Troops", which is being organized by first responders to grant the birthday wish of Tyler Seddon of Pascoag to receive birthday cards from his heroes: police officers, fire fighters and members of the armed services. Councilor Blanchard commented on the blood and marrow drive conducted to benefit Tyler and recognized those involved.

Council President Nancy F. Binns commended the Department of Public Works for their continued efforts during recent snow storms.

5. Special Business:

14-032 VOTED to open the 2014 Burrillville Earth Day resolution.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

Discussion: Council President Nancy F. Binns outlined the history and success of Earth Day in Burrillville.

VOTED to designate April 26, 2014 Burrillville Earth Day.

Motion by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

6. Petitions:

14-033 VOTED to open the petition from Donald Fox, President Alashan Cashmere Company, LLC for 10-year stabilization of taxes on Assessor's Map 195, Lot 2 and the proposed building(s); in accordance with the ordinances of the Town of Burrillville, 2004 revision, Sec. 25-42. Exemption or stabilization on qualifying manufacturing or commercial property.

Motion by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. Seconded by Councilor David J. Place. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

NOTES: Notice of the public hearing was duly advertised in the legal section of the Woonsocket Call on February 13, 2014.

A. Comments on the petition by the applicant.

Donald Fox, President of Alashan Cashmere Company, LLC, testified that the Alashan Cashmere Company, LLC was seeking a 10-year tax

stabilization on Assessor's Map 195, Lot 2 and the proposed building that will be placed on said lot by the Industrial Foundation of Burrillville. Mr. Fox said that Alashan Cashmere Company, LLC has entered into an agreement to buy the building from the Industrial Foundation of Burrillville. Mr. Fox added that the project represents a substantial investment in the community and that the new building will allow Alashan Cashmere Company, LLC to expand its commercial presence and employment within the Town of Burrillville

B. Comments/input/recommendations by the administration.

Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, said that he had been working with Donald Fox, President of Alashan Cashmere Company, LLC and the Industrial Foundation of Burrillville relative to the agreement on Assessor's Map 195, Lot 2. Mr. Wood indicated that the town administration was in support of the stabilization proposal.

Public Hearing

C. The hearing of all interested parties in regard to proposed amendments. Note: Persons who wish to address the Town Council shall state their names and addresses.

Proponents:

Kevin P. Menard, President, Industrial Foundation of Burrillville spoke in support of Alashan Cashmere Company, LLC's (Alashan) petition for tax stabilization for a building to be constructed by the Industrial Foundation of Burrillville on Assessor's Map 195, Lot 2, which will be

subsequently purchased by Alashan. A copy of the letter of support is on file with the record of the hearing.

Opponents: None

D. VOTED to close the public hearing.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

E. Town Council Members comments/input/deliberation

Councilor Stephen N. Rawson spoke in support of the tax stabilization proposal.

Council President Nancy F. Binns spoke in support of the tax stabilization proposal.

F. VOTED to adopt a resolution granting real property tax stabilization to Alashan Cashmere Company, LLC as written.

Motion by Councilor John F. Pacheco. Seconded by Councilor Kimberly Brissette Brown. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors

Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

The resolution, as adopted, follows:

Burrillville Town Council

Resolution

Based on the information presented by the applicant that a grant of real property tax stabilization will result in the establishment of additional business within the town of Burrillville creating additional employment with town residents given preference and based on the past performance of the applicant in creating employment opportunities, I move the following resolution:

That the Town Council finds granting real property tax stabilization to Alashan Cashmere Company, LLC, and/or its nominee, CCDE Cashmere Holdings, LLC (Assessor's Map 195, Lot 2) for use as an importer and distributor of apparel and accessories will benefit the town as follows:

- 1) The granting of real property tax stabilization will result in a substantial investment by the applicant in the town.**
- 2) Granting of the exemption or stabilization of taxes will inure to the benefit of the town by reason of the willingness of Alashan Cashmere Company, LLC to expand facilities with an increase in employment.**
- 3) Preference will be given to Burrillville residents for all job opportunities.**

Therefore, we move that the aforementioned real property (all associated map & lot numbers) be assessed as specified below:

The assessed value of Alashan Cashmere Company, LLC property as referenced above will be fully valued as of December 31 of each year but said assessment shall be prorated based on the following schedule:

Assessed Value as of Pro-rated value

December 31, 2014 10%

December 31, 2015 20%

December 31, 2016 30%

December 31, 2017 40%

December 31, 2018 50%

December 31, 2019 60%

December 31, 2020 70%

December 31, 2021 80%

December 31, 2022 90%

December 31, 2023 100%

Real property taxes will be computed and levied as normal using the pro-rated value year to year.

Examples

Assessed value as of 12/31/2014 = \$500,000 x 10% = \$50,000 (Pro-rated value)

\$50,000 x tax rate (\$20.00/thousand) „i 1,000 = \$1,000

Assessed value as of 12/31/2015 = \$530,000 x 20% =

\$106,000 (Pro-rated value)

$\$106,000 \times \text{tax rate } (\$20.00/\text{thousand}) \div 1,000 = \$2,120$

Assessed value as of 12/31/2016 = \$530,000 x 30% = \$159,000 (Pro-rated value)

$\$159,000 \times \text{tax rate } (\$22.00/\text{thousand}) \div 1,000 = \$3,490$

Note: All numbers are hypothetical and modified to reflect potential variables in the calculations year to year.

Description of business use(s) to be conducted from the site:

Alashan Cashmere Company, LLC is an importer and distributor of fine women's and men's apparel and accessories, as well as home textile products. The production is concentrated in 100% Cashmere fabrication, with smaller lines made from blends of Merino/Cashmere and Cotton/Cashmere. Product is distributed throughout North America, with smaller but growing sales into Europe and Asia. The work to be conducted on site at the proposed new location in Burrillville would include administration, marketing/sales, customer service, design and warehousing/distribution.

Terms

This stabilization program EXCLUDES any residential use on the property.

Tangible, motor vehicle, fire, sewer and water taxes or fees are EXCLUDED from this agreement

Each year a certification will be provided by Alashan Cashmere

Company, LLC showing the total number of employees, any increase over the prior year and the number of town residents employed at the company.

If the type of business or service as defined herein ceases or changes, this agreement shall become null and void.

If Alashan sells or conveys the business or property to an unrelated party prior to expiration of this agreement, Alashan will be required to reimburse the Town an amount equal to all tax relief granted to date unless the business or services as defined herein continue and the Town Council grants approval for the continuation of this agreement.

The Assessor's office will compute the full tax obligation each year using the December 31st assessed value for the related tax bill. This information will be maintained as a public record in the Assessor's office. This information will be available to Alashan Cashmere Company, LLC at their request.

This resolution shall become effective upon passage.

Adopted this 26th day of February 2014

7. Unfinished Business: None

8. New Business:

14-034 VOTED to open the correspondence from Dr. Frank Pallotta, Superintendent of Schools, regarding RGB's Architectural Feasibility Study and related projected costs.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

Discussion: David DeQuattro, AIA and Peter Hess, AIA of Robinson Green Berretta (RGB) Corporation, distributed an update of the phase two study and reviewed its contents. The report was discussed.

VOTED to receive and file the report and pass onto administration to compile new five-year plan for presentation to the Town Council

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

14-035 VOTED to adopt the Spring Lake Beach Recreational Facility Hours of Operation, as follows:

Spring Lake Beach Recreational Facility

Hours of Operation

Beginning the Saturday preceding Memorial Day through the first Friday in June Open Weekends Only 11:00 A.M. ÷ 6:00 P.M.

Beginning the first Saturday in June through the last Sunday in August Open Daily 11:00 A.M. ÷ 7:00 P.M.

Beginning the last Monday of August through Labor Day Open Daily 11:00 A.M. ÷ 6:00 P.M.

„X All hours of operation are subject to weather conditions. Delayed opening and early closing shall be at the discretion of the Director of Parks & Recreation or his/her designee.

„X Listed hours of operation are for the general admission to the Spring Lake Beach Recreational Facility.

„X The Director of Parks & Recreation, or his/her designee, has discretion to allow individuals and groups renting Champlin Hall to arrive up to one hour before general admission and depart up to one hour after regular closing hours.

Adopted Pursuant to the Revised General Ordinances, Town of Burrillville, RI, 2004, Chapter 16.5 entitled Parks & Recreation, Sec. 16.5-1. Parks and recreation areas; use regulations; (a) Hours.

Adopted this 26th day of February 2014

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor David J. Place. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees,

Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

14-036 VOTED to open discussion of the Spring Lake Beach Recreation Facility Fee Schedule.

Motion by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

Discussion: The use of the Champlin Hall was discussed.

VOTED to adopt the Spring Lake Beach Recreation Facility Fee Schedule, as follows:

Spring Lake Beach

Fee Schedule

Season Pass:

Resident Individual Pass \$20.00

Resident Family Pass

(Includes parking permit) \$30.00

General Admission

Resident \$ 2.50

Non Resident \$ 5.00

Non-Profit Group Rate: (15 or more/bus)

Resident \$ 1.50

Non Resident \$ 3.00

Champlin Hall Rental:

Rentals from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm or 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Burrillville Resident- Civic/Community \$125.00

Non-Resident ;V Civic/Community \$250.00

Burrillville Resident Private Social \$175.00

Non-Resident Private Social \$350.00

Burrillville Business \$200.00

Non-Resident Business \$400.00

Fee for Lifeguard (Rentals) \$ 50.00

Adopted Pursuant to the Revised General Ordinances, Town of Burrillville, RI, 2004, Chapter 16.5 entitled Parks & Recreation, Sec. 16.5-2. Parks and recreation fees this 26th day of February 2014.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Kimberly Brissette Brown. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

14-037 Correspondence from Veronica Huguenin, President, Burrillville Arts & Crafts Festival Committee regarding the revival of the Burrillville Arts & Crafts festival.

VOTED to continue to March 12, 2014.

Motion by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

14-038 Correspondence from John P. Mainville, Finance Director, regarding his recommendations.

VOTED to open approval of abatements (\$14,391.91) for the period covering September 18, 2013 to February 13, 2014.

Note: Councilor Kimberly Brissette Brown recused herself from discussion and action.

Motion by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. Seconded by Councilor David J. Place. The motion carried, six in favor, one recusal. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor Kimberly Brissette Brown recused.

Note: Councilor Stephen N. Rawson left Council Chambers.

Discussion: The abatements were discussed and changes in presentation explained.

VOTED to approve abatements (\$14,391.91) for the period covering September 18, 2013 to February 13, 2014.

Motion by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. Seconded by Councilor David J. Place. The motion carried, five in favor, one recusal, one absent. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, John F. Pacheco III and David J. Place. Councilor Stephen N. Rawson was not present for the vote. Councilor Kimberly Brissette Brown recused.

Note: Councilor Stephen N. Rawson returned to Council Chambers.

VOTED to receive and file the additions (\$7,240.83) for the period covering September 18, 2013 to February 13, 2014.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

14-039 Correspondence from Councilor Wallace F. Lees, Chair of the

Screening Subcommittee, regarding the Subcommittee's recommendations.

VOTED to reappoint Darrell St. Clemmons as a member of the Juvenile Hearing Board to serve a three-year term to expire January 31, 2017.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

VOTED to reappoint Robert Tetreault as an alternate member of the Personnel Board to serve a one-year term to expire January 31, 2015.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

VOTED to appoint Joseph Lavallee Jr. as a member of the Conservation Commission to serve an unexpired three-year term to expire March 31, 2016.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

14-040 VOTED to refer to the Screening Subcommittee the applications for reappointment from Kevin Cleary of the Conservation Commission and James Langlois, Royal Laurent and Mark Thompson of the Redevelopment Agency.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor David J. Place. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

14-041 VOTED to reappoint Marjorie Fenley as a member of the Board of Canvassers for a six-year term to expire March 2, 2020, as recommended by Council President Nancy F. Binns.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

14-042 Consider and act on the expired terms of Sandra Dalton, alternate member of the Recreation Commission and the Board of Assessment Review.

VOTED to declare vacant and refer to the Screening Subcommittee.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

14-043 Consider and act on correspondence from Council President Nancy F. Binns regarding a joint meeting with the Redevelopment Agency of Burrillville.

VOTED to schedule the joint meeting for March 25, 2014.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

Legislation

14-044 VOTED to open correspondence from Stephen N. Rawson regarding his request that the Town Council consider a resolution related to the proposed Plastic Waste Reduction Act.

Motion by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. Seconded by Councilor David J. Place. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

Discussion: Councilor Stephen N. Rawson spoke in support of the Plastic Waste Reduction Act and requested that the Town Council adopt a resolution in support. Discussion ensued.

VOTED to receive and file.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The motion carried, five in favor, two opposed. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown and David J. Place. Councilors John F. Pacheco III and Stephen N. Rawson voted in opposition.

14-045 Correspondence from Amy Rose Weinreich, CMC, Town Clerk of the Town of Charlestown regarding the Charlestown Town Council Resolution to Support Repeal of Master Lever Voting (Senate Bill

2014 jV S2091).

VOTED to support.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor John F. Pacheco III. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

9. Town Clerk/Communication: None

10. VOTED that reports #1 jV 26 be received, with one exception, that the Building Official's amended report be included:

1. Town Treasurer: No reports

2. Burrillville Sewer Commission: Reports of December 2013 and January 2014; and meetings of December 10, 2013 and January 21, 2014

3. Tax Collector: Report of January 2014

4. Department of Public Works: No report

5. Chief of Police: Report of January 2014

6. Office of Building Official: Reports of Year-End 2013 and January 2014

7. Animal Control Officer: Report of January 2014

8. Parks and Recreation Department: No report

- 9. Burrillville Extended Care: No report**
- 10. Emergency Management Agency: No report**
- 11. Information Systems Department: Report of February 2014**
- 12. Burrillville Housing Authority: Meeting of January 8, 2014**
- 13. Planning Board/Town Planner: No report**
- 14. Burrillville Conservation Commission: No report**
- 15. Recreation Commission: Meeting of December 9, 2013**
- 16. Ordinance Subcommittee: No report**
- 17. Redevelopment Agency: Meeting of November 26, 2013**
- 18. B-PAC: No report**
- 19. Personnel Board: Meeting of December 20, 2013**
- 20. Screening Subcommittee: Meeting of November 14, 2013**
- 21. Budget Board: Meetings of March 28, 2013 and January 15 and 16, 2014**
- 22. Burrillville School Committee: Meeting of December 20, 2013**
- 23. Rubbish & Recycling Committee: No report**
- 24. Board of Canvassers: No report**
- 25. Juvenile Hearing Board: No report**
- 26. Burrillville Extended Care Board of Directors: Meetings of November 5 and December 3, 2013**

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor David J. Place. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

11. Additional New Business:

14-046 VOTED to grant the request for executive session from Councilor John F. Pacheco III, pursuant to Rhode Island Open Meetings Law [§42-46-5(a)(3)] for discussions regarding security related to the Burrillville Police Department.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor David J. Place. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

Note: There was a recess before executive session.

The Council returned to open session at 9:17 P.M.

MOTION to seal the minutes of executive session noting that no votes had been taken.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor David J. Place. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

12. VOTED to adjourn at 9:17 P.M.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor David J. Place. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

The meeting was recorded.

Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk